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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Dry Silver Briefing to Tactical Air Command

1. On the basis of arrangements made by [redacted] 25X1  
[redacted] 25X1  
SPTF, Westover Air Force Base, Massachusetts, Messrs. [redacted]  
[redacted] traveled to Tactical Air Command Headquarters, Langley Air Force Base,  
Virginia on 8 October 1970 to brief [redacted] Chief of Intel- 25X1  
ligence, concerning the applicability of the [redacted] dry silver system to 25X1  
tactical reconnaissance reproduction operations.

2. Through a mix-up in instructions between [redacted] 25X1  
[redacted] was not available for this briefing. We, therefore,  
briefed [redacted] Chief of Intelligence Requirements, and  
members of his staff, who is immediately responsible for the outfitting  
of the various TAC Photo Labs. [redacted] appeared to understand the 25X1  
applicability of the dry silver materials to the mass roll-film repro-  
duction operations being carried on at numerous TAC Bases. He noted that  
due to the great quantities of film being reproduced at one of the state-  
wide bases, their present [redacted] equipment is being replaced with [redacted] 25X1  
Fultram Processors (I believe this is related to [redacted] activity). 25X1  
He said that it is unfortunate that the [redacted] material was not ready about 25X1  
a year ago, at which time they re-outfitted these labs with new conven-  
tional silver halide processing systems.

3. [redacted] noted two events which had inhibited their  
interest in the [redacted] dry silver material. The first was a report by  
[redacted] about a year ago which said that it would still be some  
time before a dry process would be suitable for tactical film reproduc-  
tion operations. The second was a series of unsatisfactory relation-  
ships with [redacted] representatives which began about January 1969.  
Apparently at that time TAC Headquarters had considerable interest in  
utilizing the [redacted] dry silver material; however, due to some misunder-  
standings, [redacted] was not responsive to the TAC invitations.  
This situation has subsequently been satisfactorily resolved but it  
served to dull the interest of Tactical Air Command Headquarters in  
the [redacted] dry silver system. [redacted] was careful to point out  
that he had also had some contacts with [redacted] and that  
these contacts were all very satisfactory. He said that the unsatis-  
factory relationships were initiated through other channels.

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4. On 15 October I notified [ ] of the results of this contact which were appropriate for his cognizance and encouraged him to be responsive to any inquiries that [ ] might receive on this subject from TAC Headquarters.

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